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## Response to Reply Brief

1. The Reply Brief submitted on 5/23/05 has been noted and considered, but the Examiner feels that no further comment is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals.

## Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad S. Dastouri can be reached on (571)-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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